

SENATE BILL 2036

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to informing defendants of the consequences of certain pleas in criminal cases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-111, is amended by adding the following new subsection (d):

(d) If a person charged with a violation of this section expresses a desire to plead guilty or nolo contendere to the charge, when the court addresses the person in open court before accepting the plea as provided in Tennessee rule of criminal procedure 11, the court shall also advise the person that a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to the offense of domestic assault will, by operation of state and federal law:

(1) Prohibit the person from ever purchasing or possessing a firearm;

and

(2) Make the person ineligible to apply for a handgun carry permit and, if the person has a handgun carry permit at the time of the offense, cause it to be revoked.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.